# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

# FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 3627 - SB 3621

March 10, 2010

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015217):** Prohibits limitations to the Tennessee Department of Transportation's (TDOT) ability to fully utilize any federal funds. Authorizes TDOT to use federal funds for any federally approved purpose. Requires TDOT to promptly notify the Speakers of the House and Senate, and the Chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees, if the provisions of this bill cannot be satisfied and to identify specific projects and respective reasons for potential noncompliance.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), this bill would limit the ability of TDOT to initiate projects at the end of the federal fiscal year to take advantage of availability of unused funds from other states that are reallocated by the federal government. In each of the past two years, TDOT has received approximately \$20 million in additional federal funds from such reallocations.

## FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- TDOT will retain the ability to adjust projects if necessary to maximize the draw-down of federal funds.
- Legislative notification requirements can be accomplished within existing resources without an increased appropriation.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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